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In re patent application of

Tadamitsu KISHIMOTO

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PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION

DISEASES CAUSED IL-6 PRODUCTION

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: J. Reeves

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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For:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed March 17, 1999. A Petition for Extension of Time for one month with the requisite fee is attached to extend the time until July 17, 1999, which is a Saturday, thus making the next possible day to respond, Monday, July 19, 1999, which is within the six-month statutory period. In the event that this petition or fee is deficient or absent, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.18 from Account no. 19-0741. Kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, between lines 4 and 5, delete "claims priority to" in the following sentence "This application claims priority to PCT/JP95/02169 filed on October 20, 1995 which claims priority to Japanese application 6-257010 filed on October 21, 1994." that was added in the amendment dated October 13, 1998, and replace it with —is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of—.